

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND  
ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT  
OF ITS ELECTRIC AND GAS RATES

CASE NO.  
2014-00372

ORDER

On December 29, 2014, the Metropolitan Housing Coalition (“Petitioner” or “MHC”) filed a motion requesting full intervention in this case. Petitioner asserts that it meets the standards for intervention because it comprises over 190 individual members and 200 member organizations who include representatives of low-income households, private and non-profit housing developers, service providers, financial institutions, labor unions, and faith-based and neighborhood groups, as well as other advocacy groups, that advocate for fair, safe, and affordable housing in the Louisville Metro area.<sup>1</sup>

Petitioner asserts that, as part of its mission, it has focused on electric and gas utility costs as part of fair and affordable housing for many years.<sup>2</sup> It claims it can bring a perspective on the impact of rate adjustments for electric and gas service and the particular impacts that such rate increases have on access to affordable housing for fixed- and low-income individuals and families.<sup>3</sup> Petitioner has been a member of the

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<sup>1</sup> Motion of Metropolitan Housing Coalition for Full Intervention at 2.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 3.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

Louisville Gas & Electric Company (“LG&E”) Customer Care and Advisory Group since the program began and is also on the Community Winter Help Board.<sup>4</sup>

Petitioner further states that it has a \$1.3 million loan pool for non-profit developers to create affordable housing, and that a non-profit developer that has used solar power in multi-family housing construction has expressed concern about increased disincentive to use solar power because of the proposed rate structure changes.<sup>5</sup> Petitioner notes that it mandates energy-efficiency measures and encourages alternative energy provision. Petitioner further asserts it is concerned with the structure of the proposed rate increases and the effect of the proposed rate on the poor and elderly utility customers.<sup>6</sup> Petitioner also contends that its interest in this matter relates to the potential effects of the modification of the rate structure and increases in cost on the affordability of housing for fixed and low-income customers.<sup>7</sup> Petitioner states that it has been previously granted intervention in LG&E and Kentucky Utilities Company proceedings, specifically in Case No. 2011-00134<sup>8</sup> and Case No. 2014-00003.<sup>9</sup> Petitioner also avers that “no current party represents the specific

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<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 3-4.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 4.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> Case No. 2011-00134, *Joint Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company for Review, Modification, and Continuation of Existing, and Addition of New Demand-Side Management and Energy-Efficiency Programs* (filed Apr. 14, 2011).

<sup>9</sup> Case No. 2014-00003, *Joint Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company for Review, Modification, and Continuation of Existing, and Addition of New Demand-Side Management and Energy-Efficiency Programs* (filed Jan. 17, 2014).

perspective and interests of those needing **and** those providing affordable housing.<sup>10</sup>  
The Commission notes that Petitioner stated that it would abide by the procedural schedule entered by the Commission in this proceeding.<sup>11</sup>

Having reviewed the pleadings and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Petitioner's intervention is likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in considering this matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. The Commission, being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Petitioner should be granted full rights of a party in this proceeding.

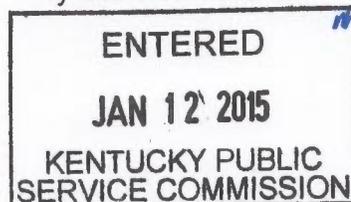
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The motion of MHC is granted.
2. MHC shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders after the date of this Order.
3. MHC shall comply with all provisions of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, related to the service and electronic filing of documents.
4. MHC shall adhere to the procedural schedule set forth in the Commission's December 12, 2014 Order and as amended by subsequent Orders.

ATTEST:

  
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Executive Director

By the Commission



<sup>10</sup> Motion of Metropolitan Housing Coalition for Full Intervention at 4-5, emphasis in original.

<sup>11</sup> Motion of Metropolitan Housing Coalition for Full Intervention at 2.

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